

## Message Text

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SUBJ: MAJOR PROJECT: LIMA AND CALLAO SUBWAY

REF: (A) STATE 175016; (B) STATE 189294; (C) 76 LIMA 7563

1. EMBASSY DISCUSSED CURRENT STATUS OF SUBJECT PROJECT WITH  
ING. JORGE MIRANDA, DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND  
COMMUNICATIONS, AND ING. RICARDO GANDOLFO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF PROJECT. INFORMATION OBTAINED IS AS FOLLOWS:  
A. NO PROGRESS ON LIMA-CALLAO SUBWAY PROJECT SINCE IT WAS  
POSTPONED IN 1971 DUE TO ITS HIGH COST. PERIODICALLY, THE  
MINISTRY RECEIVES OFFERS FROM FOREIGN GROUPS FOR EQUIPMENT AND  
ENGINEERING SERVICES, INCLUDING FINANCING FOR THESE. HOWEVER,  
NO GROUP IS OFFERING FINANCING FOR OVERALL PROJECT. FOREIGN  
INVESTORS ARE NOT WILLING TO ACCEPT PAYBACK WITH PROCEEDS FROM  
OPERATION OF SUBWAY AS IS GOP'S INITIAL PROPOSAL. THE MINISTRY  
HAS ALSO RECEIVED OFFERS FOR ALTERNATIVE MASS TRANSPORTATION  
SYSTEMS SUCH AS ELECTRIC TROLLEY BUSES, ETC. BUT NOTHING CONCRETE  
HAS BEEN DEVELOPED IN THIS DIRECTION. THE OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO  
INTERESTED PARTIES IS ALWAYS THAT THEY WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE  
MINISTRY'S DECISION REGARDING PROPOSALS OR OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOP-  
MENTS.

B. THE BRITISH DELEGATION MENTIONED IN REFTEL A WAS BUT ONE MORE  
GROUP OF THOSE DESCRIBED ABOVE WHICH PRESENTED, ON ITS OWN  
INITIATIVE, A PROPOSAL DEALING WITH THE LIMA-CALLAO MASS TRANS-  
PORTATION PROBLEM THROUGH USE OF LIGHT RAIL VEHICLE SYSTEM.

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THEIR OFFER INCLUDED FINANCING FOR EQUIPMENT AND ENGINEERING  
SERVICES. REPORTEDLY THE DELEGATION WAS FORMED BY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF METRO CAMEL TRAINS MANUFACTURERS, LONDON TRANSPORT INTERNATIONAL,  
AND THE BRITISH RAIL. NO OFFICIAL DECISION HAS BEEN TAKEN REGARDING  
THIS PROPOSAL NOR IS ONE EXPECTED.

C. THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT CONTINUES TO SEEK A SOLUTION TO  
LIMA-CALLAO'S ACUTE MASS TRANSPORTATION PROBLEM BUT NO CONCRETE

STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN IN THIS REGARD SO FAR.

2. EMBASSY IS FOLLOWING THIS MAJOR PROJECT CLOSELY AND WILL  
REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS TO USDOC IMMEDIATELY.

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